

Day of Worship

"No Stranger to Gratitude" is the sermon topic chosen by Pastor Lloyd C. Warneke for the Thanksgiving Day service at Ascension Lutheran Church. Worship will begin at 9 a.m.

The following Sunday, Pastor Warneke will speak on "Keeping Our Spiritual House in Order."

Anti-Drug Rally

An anti-narcotics rally, aimed at teenagers, has been planned by Calvary Baptist Church of Gardena. The rally will be held Monday, Dec. 4, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

Featured speaker will be evangelist Nicky Cruz.



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Spirit of Thanksgiving Needed Most by Men in Troubled Times

How can anyone put his heart into "Thanksgiving" when there's so much violence and grief in the world?

It's not a new question. The Bible tells of good men who struggled hard for an answer.

But this is what they found: The times of greatest trouble are the times when men need the spirit of Thanksgiving most of all.

Gratitude in the midst of "good times" and material prosperity comes all too easily and is apt to be superficial.

When forced to look deeply into life to find a more unselfish love and other riches of Spirit—only then do we begin to discover the real meaning of Thanksgiving, to see more clearly man's constant debt to God for everything that is truly good.

This kind of thanksgiving, when challenged by ad-

versity, only grows stronger.

Treachery and tyranny were closing in on him, the Bible says, but Daniel "prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforesaid."

In the middle of a raging storm at sea, with the ship he was on about to be smashed on the rocks, Paul "took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all."

Whether faced by hungry multitudes or standing before the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus first gave thanks.

In the sublimest example of all, on the night before his crucifixion, during the darkest hours the world has known, Jesus "took the cup, and gave thanks"—and then invited those who were with him to share in his life.

The basis for his thanksgiving, as he indicated often, was a deep and constant acknowledgement of

his imperishable unity with God—something that filled his lips and governed everything he did.

He expected that we too would feel it—would say "Our Father" because we really had to, because we saw it was so.

Isn't this the only basis for thanksgiving? Material blessings just don't go around. Tables are empty, and sometimes a chair is empty.

But there is always a reason for thanksgiving. It's built into the structure of things, and it never changes. We catch clear glimpses of it when we're moved by compassion, reaching out in totally unselfish love. Then we know ourselves better—and our neighbor. And thanks flow out.

Perhaps what it comes down to is this:

To give thanks to God really means to give ourselves, our hearts and

minds. This is only giving back what we owe to Him in the first place. But we must consciously give ourselves to God in order to know the blessing of what it means to be His sons.

"Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him," wrote Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science; "but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we wake in His likeness."

The prophet Malachi summed it up: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Special Service of Thanks

All Christian Science churches will hold Thanksgiving services, open to the community, in their church sanctuaries at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving morning.

This service is a traditional one in Christian Science churches throughout most of the world. Branch churches in South America, Europe, Asia, and the Near East will observe the American Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23.

A specially prepared "Thanksgiving" lesson-sermon will be read at all these services. It will include passages from the Bible and the denominational textbook, "Science and Health with Key to

the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. At the close of the lesson, the meeting will be opened for expressions of thanksgiving and gratitude from the congregation, for divine healing, comfort, and guidance.

Keynote for the service will be a Golden Text from Psalms: "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise."

Related readings from the Christian Science textbook will include the passage: "Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech" (Science and Health, p. 3).

Deputies Hear Law Lectures

Recent cases and trends in the law are the topics of three deputy district attorneys as they lecture to sheriff's sergeants and other supervisory personnel in 18 two-hour sessions at the Sheriff's Academy.

Deputy district attorneys Joe Orr, L. C. Waddington, and Arnold Guminski began the series Monday and will continue through the month.

Temple Plans Book Sale In December

The Friends of the Library at Temple Menorah will conduct a sale of used books, records, and magazines at the Temple, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be open to the public.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. Muriel Berks, who will be assisted by Mrs. Stella Benmayer and Mrs. Anita Murez. The event will be held in connection with the 25th anniversary of Jewish Book Month, Mrs. Berks reported.

Items may be donated by individuals, businesses, or schools and all donations are tax deductible. All donations are to be brought to the Temple library or office.

'Resist Devil' Is Text Topic

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

This verse from James is the Golden Text of this week's Bible Lesson-Sermon "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Demounced," to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday.

Festival Service

The Rev. Robert Loring Young, minister of the Wayfarers' Chapel at Portuguese Bend, will lead a Festival Thanksgiving Service at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving morning in the glass chapel by the sea.

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It was October 3rd, 1863.

Grant was in Vicksburg. Lee had been defeated at Gettysburg and forced to retreat to the south side of the Rapidan.

Abraham Lincoln's heart was full.

PROCLAMATION

By the President of the United States of America.

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, peace has been preserved with all solemn, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theater of military conflict. . . . The country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect a continuance of years, with large increase of freedom . . .

It has seemed to me fit and proper that this should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and voice, by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea, and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving. . . . And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions lusty due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also . . . fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purpose, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:
William H. Seward, Secretary of State

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